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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following application(s) of:

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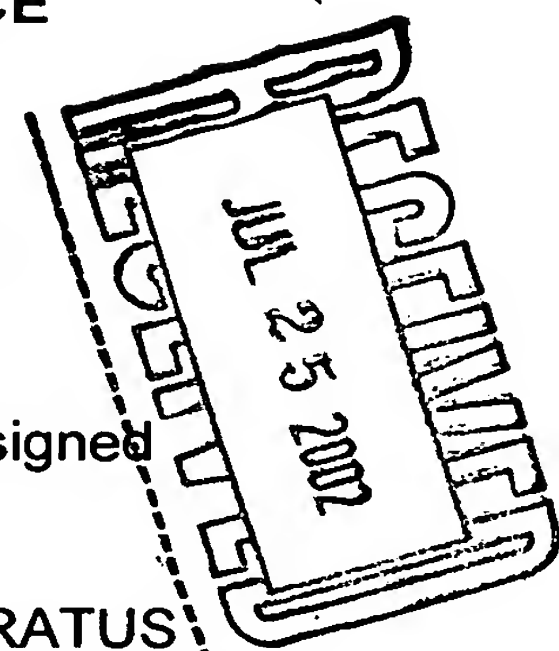
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Secondly, please consider each enclosed document which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and return a copy of that form with the Examiner's initials adjacent each citation. Four of these documents were cited in an International Search Report, dated November 20, 2000, in a corresponding foreign application, and the remaining references were cited in the specification of the above-identified application.



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